

6 February 1986

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: INTERNET BTI Meeting, 27-31 January 1986

STAT 1. Representatives from COMSAT, BTI, BBC, and FBIS met in England from 27-31 January 1986 to discuss the England earth station requirements. Preliminary minutes of the meeting were submitted to C/FED and reviewed. On 6 February 1986, a meeting was held between Helmo Raag, COMSAT, and the writer to discuss the contents of the minutes.

2. The following items were agreed to by both COMSAT's representative (Mr. Raag) and FBIS (the writer):

a. FBIS will formally define the function of the order wire circuit.

b. The ten minute maximum limit on switching time of line standards and/or direction of transmission needs further discussion/clarification. A statement indicating that switching will be accomplished in an efficient manner under normal operation should be agreed to.

c. COMSAT will clarify for BTI the issue of INTELSAT procedures in a leased transponder (ref. page 28, para 4 of the minutes). In effect, since we are leasing an entire transponder, we are not required to inform INTELSAT every time we activate/deactivate satellite transmissions.

d. CICI agreed to furnish BTI with details of the FBIS Washington and Panama interface points in order to facilitate end-to-end testing and faulting.

e. A circuit interface box which will pass all required signals must be defined and established thus eliminating any further definition/discussion of compatibility with telephone circuits or equipment.

f. COMSAT must resolve what part the BBC plays in determining if a tower may be constructed at Caversham.

3. Relative to "e" above, COMSAT should acquire from BTI the specific characteristics and nomenclature for the interface boxes/amplifier which will be used for TV (0 to 7 MHz) and facsimile (0 to 150 KHz).

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